



MIDWEEK 3
—STATIONS V-IX—
**BEHOLD THE
MAN**

Bears the Cross (Jn 19:17)

Simon Helps (Lk 23:26)

Women of Jerusalem (Lk 23:27–31)



⁹Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am | in distress;*

my eye is wasted from grief;

my soul and my body | also.

¹⁰For my life is spent with sorrow,

and my years with | sighing;*

my strength fails because of my iniquity,

and my bones | waste away.

¹¹Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach,

especially to my neighbors,

and an object of dread to my ac- | quaintances;*

those who see me in the street | flee from me.

¹²I have been forgotten like one | who is dead;*

I have become like a broken | vessel.

¹³For I hear the whispering of many—

terror on | every side!—*

as they scheme together against me,

as they plot to | take my life.

¹⁴But I trust in you, | O LORD;*

I say, “You | are my God.”

¹⁵My times are | in your hand;*

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my perse- | cutors!

¹⁶Make your face shine on your | servant;*

save me in your | steadfast love!

First Reading

Isaiah 53:4–6

Second Reading

Luke 23:26–31

L A reading from Luke, chapter 23.

²⁶And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

A Word of Christian Welcome

St. Paul's is "Growing together as God's family!"

What does this mean? It means that we are growing, not only in numbers, but in faith toward God. It means that we are more than a bunch of individuals, but that we are a heavenly family brought together under Christ and making the bold confession of faith to the world.

We are therefore delighted that you have joined us today to hear and receive the blessings of the Word of God in the Divine Service where God comes to us by the means of grace to give us mercy, forgiveness, and His Spirit. The Lutheran liturgy might be hard for first-time visitors to our church or to the historic Lutheran church, but don't worry! We are here to help you so that you can take part in the liturgy and hymns without reservation or fear.

Lent midweek services typically follow one of the Daily Office liturgies found in the front of the hymnal. These are liturgies focused on prayer, quietness, and humbleness. If this is your first time participating in one of the daily office services, be prepared for a bit of chanting, for dimmed lights, and a somber atmosphere.

Regarding children, we LOVE when children attend the service and hope your children participate in the singing and reading of Scripture. If they're a little noisy, it's okay and they're welcome to stay. If you wish, you may take them to the Cry Room at the back of the sanctuary, or to the Nursery room, provided they are supervised. You may also provide them with a children's bag and bulletin, found just outside the sanctuary on the left.

Finally, all are welcome to fellowship after the service to drink some coffee and eat some delicious breakfast treats. Bible Study and Sunday School follow at 10:30.

Today's Theme

Simon bore the Jesus' cross for a short time, but Jesus bore the sin of the whole world by dying on the cross. We, out of thankfulness and humble service to God for His great love and mercy toward us learn to bear our crosses and follow our Lord. While our crosses may never be death by crucifixion, we bear the crosses of daily repentance and dying to sin, and to, with the Lord's help, overcoming the sin and darkness within us and walking instead in the light. This means we change and we grow, and it may mean sacrifice. It may mean finding new friends, changing jobs, changing old and bad habits, but with the Lord on our side, bearing our crosses is well worth the effort!

Next Wednesday's Stations



MIDWEEK 4 — STATIONS X—XI— THE CRUCIFIXION

Crucifixion & Forgiveness (Lk 23:33) Repentant Thief (Lk 23:39—John

Prayer Requests

Chuck VanDonsel

Susan Lorenz

Laurie Maurer

Marlene Krotzer

Please update prayer requests by leaving a note in the office or using the church app.

Many are the afflictions of the
righteous, but the Lord delivers
him out of them all.

Psalm 34:19 (ESV)

“Indeed, all who desire to live a
godly life in Christ Jesus will be
persecuted [suffer]”

2 Timothy 3:12 (ESV)